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## **Exxaro Dorstfontein East Coal Mine Expansion Project, near Kriel, Mpumalanga**

### **Public Participation Report**

**Prepared for:**

Exxaro Coal Central (Pty) Ltd

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## 1 Introduction

Exxaro Coal Central (Pty) Ltd (ECC) holds an approved Mining Right (MR) (**MP 30/5/1/2/3/2/1/51 MR**) for opencast and underground mining at the Dorstfontein East Coal Mine (DECM) situated in Kriel, Mpumalanga Province. DECM was previously owned by Total Coal South Africa (Pty) Ltd (Total) and was ceded to ECC on 20 August 2015. The current proposal aims to extend underground mining in the approved mining area and introduce ancillary surface infrastructure to support this.

ECC has approval to mine the Lower 4 Seam and the Lower 2 Seam and is also authorised to mine three open pits. The operation has an approved Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) dated October 2017 (SRK Consulting).

An application for Environmental Authorisation (EA) for this Project was submitted to the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) on 13 November 2020 (Ref. No. **MP 30/5/1/2/3/2/1/51 MR**). The final Scoping Report (SR) was submitted to the DMRE on 26 January 2021 and was accepted on 28 May 2021.

This report is the Draft EIA and EMPr for the Project and integrates, amongst others, all the findings of specialist studies; impacts and mitigation measures; and aligns existing EMPrs for the DECM.

An alignment of all EMPrs will ensure that ECC incorporates all current and future proposed activities associated for the DECM operation into a single management document. The following EMPrs require alignment into one operational EMPr for the DECM operations:

- EMPr for Mining Right [Ref. No. MP 30/5/1/2/2/51MR] (April 2008);
- EMPr Amendment for Mining Right [Ref. No. MP 30/5/1/2/2/51MR] (August 2009); and
- EIA/EMPr for the Dorstfontein East Mine Extension of Pit 1 and Water Transportation Pipeline from Dorstfontein West to Dorstfontein East [Ref No. MP 30/5/1/2/3/2/1 (51) MR] (SRK, October 2017).

The proposed expansion of the underground mining operation and introduction of ancillary infrastructure triggers Listed Activities in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (GN R982 of 04 December 2014, as amended) (EIA Regulations, 2014) as promulgated under the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA), requiring that a Scoping and EIA Process be undertaken to obtain an EA.

Due to the extensive environmental on-site investigations that was required for this project, the Applicant applied to extend the submission deadline of the final EIA/EMPr and this extension has not yet been approved by the DMRE.

Digby Wells Environmental (Digby Wells) was appointed by ECC as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner to independently facilitate the environmental-legal application relevant to the Proposed Project.

To this effect, the Final Scoping Report was submitted to the DMRE on 26 January 2021 for adjudication. The DMRE acknowledged and accepted the Scoping Report on 28 May 2021, allowing ECC to proceed to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Phase.

As part of the environmental legal processes, an integrated Public Participation Process (PPP) was undertaken in terms of Chapter 6 of the EIA regulations, 2014 (as amended) which includes consultations of stakeholders who might be affected by the Proposed Project. This report presents the PPP activities to be undertaken for the EIA phase.

## 1.1 Public Participation Process Objectives

The PPP objectives for the EIA phase include the following:

- To comply with the legal requirements set out under NEMA;
- To provide I&APs with further opportunity to provide comment on the Draft EIR; and
- To provide I&APs with opportunities to verify that comments have been accurately recorded.

## 1.2 Legal Framework

PPP is a legislative requirement in terms of Chapter 6 of the EIA regulations (As amended) in accordance with Section 24(5) and 44 of the NEMA.

During the PPP, the following core activities were undertaken:

- Identification of relevant stakeholders who represent different sectors of the public who may be affected or interested in the project,
- Dissemination of information regarding the project through various media which included Background Information Document (BID) announcement letters, advertisement and the site notices; and
- Public consultation during the EIA phase to allow for the review and public commenting on the project proposal, potential impacts as well as the recommended mitigation and management measures.

## 2 Methodology

The following methodology has been implemented in accordance with Section 21 of the Disaster Management Act 2002 (Act No. 27 of 2002), as amended.

### 2.1 Scoping Phase

It should be noted that the following activities were completed for the Scoping Phase:

#### 2.1.1 Compilation and Submission of Public Participation Plan.

The Covid-19 Regulations, (Directions Regarding Measures to Address, Prevent and Combat the Spread of Covid-19) relating to National Environmental Management Permits and

Licences (GN R 650 of 5 June 2020) have been considered for this application process. In accordance with Annexure 3 of GN R 650, an applicant is required to submit a Public Participation Plan which is to be approved by the Competent Authority prior to public participation commencing.

Digby Wells submitted the PP Plan together with the Scoping Report to the DMRE. The PP Plan is also attached as Appendix A.

### 2.1.2 Identification of Stakeholders

To ensure a proper representation of stakeholders interested in or affected by the proposed project, the following identification methods were used to develop a stakeholder database :

- Existing stakeholder databases used at the Dorstfontein East coal mine were reviewed and updated. In addition, Windeed and desktop searches were conducted in and around the project area to verify land ownership and obtain contact details which aided in the development of a Land Tenure Map (Appendix C).
- Responses were received from newspaper advertisements and site notices,
- Responses were received from distribution of the BID and notification letter,

Subsequently, additional stakeholders were identified after the public release of the Draft Scoping Report (DSR) through:

- Request to be registered as I&APs; and
- Telephonic and one-on-one Focus Group Meetings (FGMs) with landowners and land occupiers.

Stakeholders for the proposed Project are grouped into the following categories:

- **Government:** National, Provincial, District and Local authorities;
- **Landowners:** Directly affected and surrounding landowners;
- **Land occupiers:** Directly affected and surrounding land occupiers;
- **Communities:** Surrounding communities;
- **Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and Community Based Organisations (CBOs) :** Environmental and social organisations;
- **Agriculture:** associations or organisations focussed on agricultural activities; and
- **Business:** small and medium enterprises and formal organisations.

### 2.1.3 Public Participation Media

The legislative requirements indicate that specific media / materials be utilised as part of the PPP. Over and above the legislative requirements, the following media have been utilised for the PPP to inform stakeholders of the Proposed Project. Table 2-1 below details various Public Participation media / materials used throughout the PPP and activities undertaken during the Scoping phase.

**Table 2-1: Public Participation Scoping Phase Activities**

Activity	Details	Reference in Report
Compilation of Stakeholder Database	A stakeholder database for the Proposed Project was developed. The database included stakeholders who represent various sectors of society, including directly affected and adjacent landowners, in and around the proposed project area. A Land Tenure Map was developed and presented to the public, showing directly and indirectly affected farms.	<b>Appendix B</b> Land Tenure Map
Distribution of Background Information Document (BID) and Registration and Comment Forms (RCF)	A BID which included a project description, information about the relevant legislation, the competent authorities, and details of the appointed EAP was prepared and distributed via email on <b>13 November 2020</b> . Registration and Comment Form was distributed simultaneously with the BID via email for stakeholders to use for formal registration as I&APs or to submit initial comments on the Proposed Project on <b>13 November 2020</b> .	<b>Appendix D:</b> BID; <b>Appendix E:</b> Registration and Comment Form.
Distribution of an announcement letter	An Announcement letter was distributed to notify registered I&APs of the availability of the Draft Scoping Report (DSR) for public commenting via email <b>13 November 2020</b> .	<b>Appendix F:</b> Announcement Letter
Publication of newspaper advertisement	An English Newspaper advertisement was published on <b>13 November 2020</b> in the Witbank News, which is a local newspaper that distributes to the surrounding areas. This was public during the Scoping Phase to notify I&APs of the availability of the DSR for public review and commenting. In addition, the public was encouraged to register as I&APs for the project.	<b>Appendix G:</b> Newspaper advertisements
Displaying site notices	English Site notices were put up at various places around the project area. The site notices contained information relating to the proposed project, the EAP and registration process for I&APs for the public comment on <b>13 November 2020</b> .	<b>Appendix H:</b> Site Notice

Activity	Details	Reference in Report
Stakeholder Meetings	<p>2 Focus Group meetings were held on <b>9 December 2020</b> at Dorstfontein West Mine Regional Boardroom. Details of these meetings are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The first meeting was held with the Govan Mbeki Local Municipality Ward 15 committee at 09:00 to 10:00: and</li> <li>- The second meeting was held with the directly and affected landowner at 10:00 to 11:00.</li> </ul> <p>Furthermore, a Focus group meeting with Emalaheni Local Municipality Ward 25 councillor and representatives was held via Teams on <b>11 December 2020</b> at 09:30.</p> <p>The purpose of the FGM was to discuss the proposed project and capture all stakeholders' inputs.</p>	
Public Review of the Draft Scoping Report	<p>Announcement of the availability of the DSR was emailed and SMS' were sent to stakeholders on Friday <b>13 November 2020</b>. The DSR was made available on <a href="http://view.datafree.co/PublicDocuments/">http://view.datafree.co/PublicDocuments/</a> (under Public Documents), at the Dorstfontein East and West Mines as well as at the Kriel Library.</p> <p><i>(The 30-day legislated comment period for the DSR was from 13 November 2020 to 14 December 2020.)</i></p>	:Appendix I Proof of emails and Delivery slip.
Announcement of the Final Scoping Report	<p>Final Scoping Report (FSR) will be submitted to the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy on 25 January 2021. A notification letter for availability of the FSR will be emailed to all stakeholders on the database. The FSR will also be made available on <a href="http://view.datafree.co/PublicDocuments/">http://view.datafree.co/PublicDocuments/</a> under Public Documents.</p>	Appendix J Notification Letter
Obtained comments	<p>Comments, issues of concern and suggestions received from I&amp;APs were captured and responded to in the Comments and Responses Report (CRR).</p>	Appendix K: Comments Received and CRR

## 2.2 EIA Phase

During the EIA phase, involvement and participation of stakeholders on the Proposed Project will be undertaken in order to comply with the legislation.

### 2.2.1 Update of Stakeholder Database

A stakeholder database which represents government authorities, directly affected and adjacent landowners, as well as communities in and around the Proposed Project area compiled during the Scoping phase will continuously be updated until the final EIA report to DMRE.



**To Note:** The Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (Act No. 4 of 2013) (POPI Act), took effect on **01 July 2021**. The POPI Act regulates how personal information of individuals in South Africa is collected, stored, processed, and shared.

Digby Wells is required to comply with the POPI Act and hereby request all I&APs who were previously registered for this Proposed Project to provide consent to be included for the EIA phase. Please see Appendix H for the consent form. In addition, a stakeholder database will not be shared with the public.

## 2.2.2 Summary of Planned Public Participation Activities during Draft EIA Phase

Table 2-2 details the activities planned for the EIA phase.

**Table 2-2: EIA Phase consultations**

Activity	Details
Publication of newspaper advertisement	An English Newspaper advertisement has been published on <b>01 October 2021</b> in the Witbank News, which is a local newspaper that distributes to the surrounding areas. This will be public during the EIA Phase to notify I&APs of the availability of the Draft EIA Report for public review and commenting.
Announcement of Draft EIA Report	Notifications on the availability of the Draft EIA Report have been emailed and SMS' have been sent to stakeholders together with the formal project EIA Phase notification letter and RCF on 01 October 2021. The Draft EIA Report is available on Digby Wells' website via a data free link on <a href="http://view.datafree.co/PublicDocuments/">http://view.datafree.co/PublicDocuments/</a> (Under Public Documents). Hard copies of the Report have also been placed at Kriel Public Library and at the Dorstfontein East Coal mine offices. <i>(A 30-day legislated public review and commenting period for the draft EIA report will commence on 01 October 2021 to 01 November 2021)</i>
FGMs	FGMs will be held between with all I&APs. The objective of the FGMs is to discuss the Proposed Project, obtain comments on the Draft EIA Report and capture all stakeholders' inputs. Please note that invitations will be made telephonically, via emails and SMSs. I&APs will be notified two

Activity	Details
	weeks prior to the actual meetings. A presentation will be prepared and discussed during these meetings.
Obtaining comments from stakeholders	Comments, issues of concern and suggestions received from stakeholders will be captured in the CRR.
Announcement of the Final EIA Report	The Final EIA Report will be submitted to DMRE. A notification letter on the submission of the Final EIA Report will be emailed to all stakeholders on the database. The Final EIA Report will also be made available on Digby Wells' website via a data free link on <a href="http://view.datafree.co/PublicDocuments/">http://view.datafree.co/PublicDocuments/</a> under Public Documents.

### 3 Decision-making Process

The documentation appended to this report provide all stakeholder material generated and distributed as part of the PPP for the Proposed Project.

Subsequent to the public comment periods on the Draft EIA Report this Report will be updated and appended to the Final EIA Report to be submitted to the DMRE for adjudication. All registered I&APs will be informed of the decision issued by the DMRE on the EA Application. The appeals procedure will be outlined accordingly.

Documentation related to the acceptance or rejection of the Draft EIA, an updated CRR (including stakeholder and I&APs' comments), and PPP chapter will be publicly available during the submission of the Final EIA Report.



## Appendix A: Stakeholder Engagement Plan.



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<b>To:</b>	Department of Mineral Resources - Mpumalanga	<b>Date:</b>	13 November 2020
<b>From:</b>	Xan Taylor	<b>Proj #:</b>	MP30/5/1/2/51MR
<b>RE:</b>	<b>Exxaro Coal Central (Pty) Ltd Public Participation Plan - Dorstfontein East Coal Mine</b>		

The Exxaro Coal Central (Pty) Ltd (Exxaro) Dorstfontein Coal Mine East (DCME) Expansion Project with Mining Right MP30/5/1/2/51MR as reference.

Digby Wells Environmental has been appointed by Exxaro as an independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to conduct an environmental regulatory process which includes an Environmental Authorisation Application, a Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) process as promulgated under the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA).

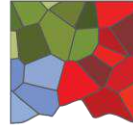
The Covid-19 Regulations, (Directions Regarding Measures to Address, Prevent and Combat the Spread of Covid-19) relating to National Environmental Management Permits and Licences (GN R 650 of 5 June 2020) have been considered for this application process. In accordance with Annexure 3 of GN R 650, an applicant is required to submit a Public Participation Plan which is to be approved by the Competent Authority prior to public participation commencing.

Digby Wells hereby submits the Public Participation Plan for the proposed DCME Expansion Project, for your comment and approval.

Regards,

Xan Taylor

*Environmental Consultant*



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### 1 Public Participation Plan

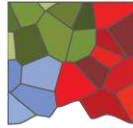
The Public Participation Plan (refer to Table 1) explains the engagement process per phase of the S&EIA process.

**Table 1: Stakeholder Engagement Plan**

Project Phases	Stakeholders groups	Communication Methods	Outputs	Health and Safety
Announcement	General public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Placement of newspaper advertisement.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Register Interested and Affected Parties (I&amp;APs)</li> </ul>	N/A
	National government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Placement of site notices .at the Dorstfontein East Mine, Dorstfontein West Mine and the Kriel Public Library;</li> <li>Distribution of e-mail, SMS and WhatsApp notifications.</li> <li>Distribution of Background Information Document (BID) including a Registration and comment sheet.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capture comments/ issues and recommendations onto the Comments and Responses Report (CRR); where applicable, distribute specific comments to the relevant Specialists.</li> </ul>	
	Provincial and District and Local government			
	Neighbouring landowners			
Closest Community (Kriel): Ward Committee Members				
Public review and comment of Draft Scoping Report and consultation	All stakeholders captured in the database	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upload Draft Scoping Report onto Digby Wells' data-free online site for free report download;</li> <li>Provide data-free link to I&amp;APs through e-mail, SMS;</li> <li>Telephonic and/or e-mail consultations with stakeholders who need additional information;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capture comments/ issues and recommendations onto CRR; where applicable, distribute specific comments to the relevant Specialists.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On-site meetings will be limited to 13 attendees to facilitate social distancing in the meeting venue.</li> <li>Meetings will be broken up into several sessions if the number of attendees is expected to exceed the venue limit.</li> <li>Exxaro will ensure hand sanitiser and masks will be available to attendees.</li> </ul>

Project Phases	Stakeholders groups	Communication Methods	Outputs	Health and Safety
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One Focus Group Meeting at the DECM with community representatives;</li> <li>• One Virtual Focus Group Meeting with directly affected landowners</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temperatures will be taken prior to admission into the venue (should symptoms be present, Exxaro health and safety procedures will apply)</li> <li>• Exxaro will ensure the venue is suitably sterilised prior to the meeting taking place.</li> </ul> <p>(Refer to section 2 below for further details)</p>
Final Scoping	All stakeholders captured in the database	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distribution of e-mail, SMS and WhatsApp notifications to notify I&amp;APs of Final Scoping Report on Digby Wells website.</li> </ul>	N/A	N/A
Public review of Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report and consultation	All stakeholders captured in the database	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Placement of Draft EIA .at the Dorstfontein East Mine, Dorstfontein West Mine and the Kriel Public Library;</li> <li>• Distribution of e-mail, SMS and WhatsApp notifications;</li> <li>• Upload Amendment Report onto our data-free online site for free report download;</li> <li>• Provide data-free link to I&amp;APs through e-mail, SMS;</li> <li>• Telephonic and/or e-mail consultations with stakeholders who need additional information;</li> <li>• Virtual Focus Group Meetings with community representatives and directly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting minutes.</li> <li>• Capture comments/ issues and recommendations onto CRR; where applicable, distribute specific comments to the relevant Specialists.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On-site meetings will be limited to 13 attendees to facilitate social distancing in the meeting venue.</li> <li>• Meetings will be broken up into several sessions if the number of attendees is expected to exceed the venue limit.</li> <li>• Exxaro will ensure hand sanitiser and masks will be available to attendees.</li> <li>• Temperatures will be taken prior to admission into the venue (should symptoms be present, Exxaro health and safety procedures will apply)</li> <li>• Exxaro will ensure the venue is suitably sterilised prior to the meeting taking place</li> </ul>

Project Phases	Stakeholders groups	Communication Methods	Outputs	Health and Safety
		affected landowners (if required)		(Refer to section 2 below for further details)
Final Environmental Assessment Report	All stakeholders captured in the database	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distribution of e-mail, SMS and WhatsApp notifications to notify I&amp;APs of Final Environmental Assessment Report on Digby Wells website.</li> </ul>	N/A.	N/A
Environmental Authorisation	All registered stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Place a newspaper advertisement</li> <li>Send e-mail, SMS and WhatsApp notifications.</li> </ul>	N/A	N/A



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## 2 COVID-19 Measures during Face-to-face Meetings

The following provides further detail to meeting conduct, should the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy approve this plan.



### **Avoid large gatherings:**

- No gatherings of 50+ people will be held. All Focus Group Meetings will comprise of 15 people or less.
- Participants will be confirmed by invitation only.



### **Wearing of cloth face-masks:**

- Mandatory wearing of face masks by all participants incl. Consultants.
- Universal Coal will provide face masks for participants.
- Both Consultants and Community members have right to refuse to participate if someone is refusing to wear a mask.



### **Maintenance of Social distancing:**

- Consultants and community members will be seated 2m apart in all Focus Group Meetings.
- Meetings will mostly be held outside; when possible; if inside, DWE will ensure that there is adequate ventilation.



### **Hand washing and sanitising:**

- Hand sanitisers will be provided in all meetings.
- DWE and Universal Coal will provide hand sanitisers at the entrance of the venue.



### **Regular cleaning of shared surfaces and equipment:**

- Consultants will sanitise and clean chairs and tables in the venue regularly.
- There will be a designated rubbish bin in the meeting venue to collect all waste generated. All waste will be handled and treated as hazardous waste.

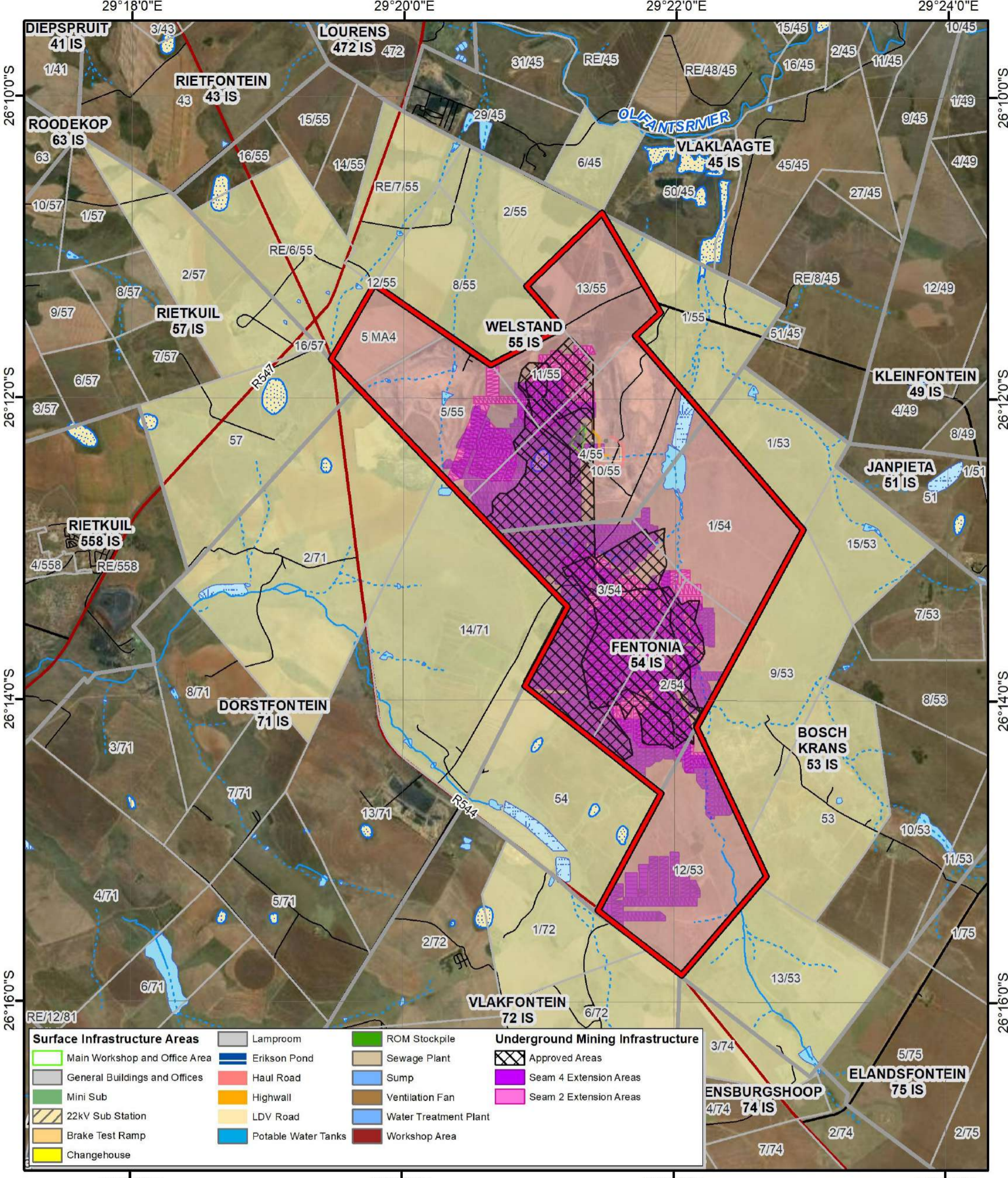




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## Appendix B: Land Tenure Map.





## Dorstfontein East: Land Tenure

### Legend

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="border: 2px solid red; display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Mining Right Area</li> <li><span style="border-bottom: 2px solid red; display: inline-block; width: 20px; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Main Road</li> <li><span style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 20px; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Secondary Road</li> <li><span style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 20px; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Street</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="border-bottom: 1px dashed blue; display: inline-block; width: 20px; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Non-Perennial River/Stream</li> <li><span style="border-bottom: 1px solid blue; display: inline-block; width: 20px; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Perennial River/Stream</li> </ul> <p><b>Inland Water</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px; background-color: lightblue; border: 1px solid blue; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Dams and lakes</li> <li><span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px; background: repeating-linear-gradient(45deg, transparent, transparent 2px, blue 2px, blue 4px); border: 1px solid blue; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Marsh and swamps</li> <li><span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px; background: radial-gradient(circle, blue 1px, transparent 1px); background-size: 4px 4px; border: 1px solid blue; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Non-perennial pans</li> </ul> | <p><b>Land Tenure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px; background-color: #f8d7da; border: 1px solid #c6c8ca; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Directly Affected</li> <li><span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px; background-color: #fff3cd; border: 1px solid #ffeeba; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Indirectly Affected</li> <li><span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Farm Portion</li> <li><span style="border: 1px solid gray; display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Parent Farm</li> </ul> |
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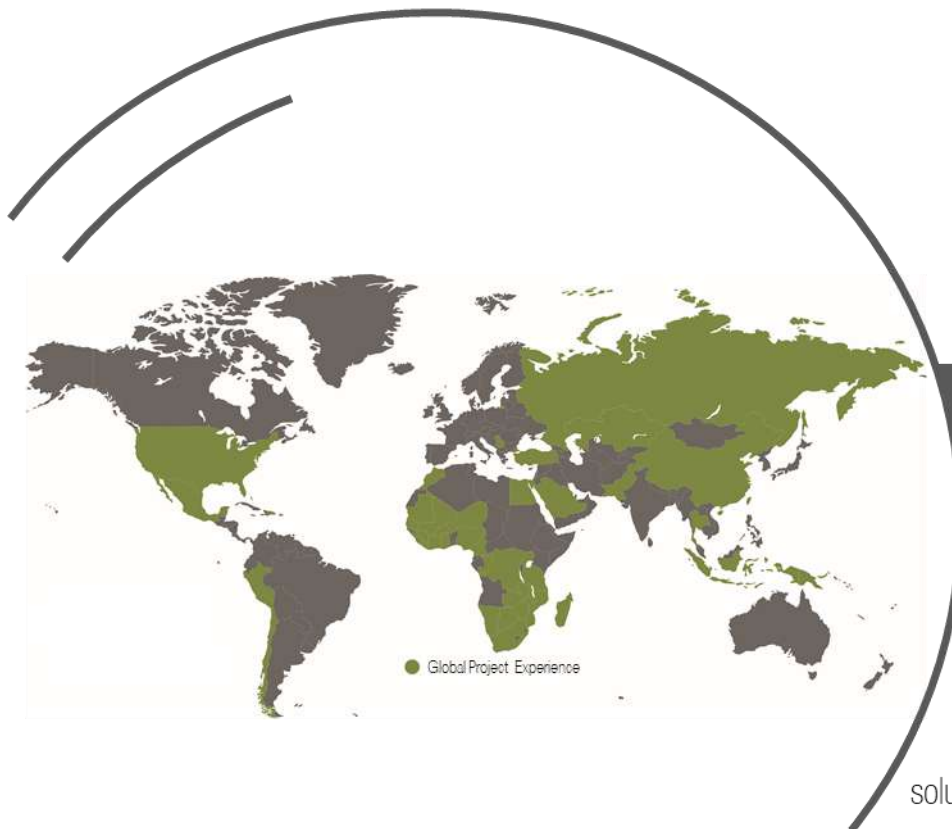
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## Appendix C: Background Information Document.



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## ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATORY PROCESS REQUIRED FOR THE PROPOSED DORSTFONTEIN EAST COAL MINE EXPANSION, NORTH-EAST OF KRIEL, EMALAHLENI AND GOVAN MBEKI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

### Background Information Document

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## 1. Purpose of this Document

The purpose of this document is to provide all Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) with information relevant to the proposed Exxaro Coal Central (Pty) Ltd (ECC) Dorstfontein East Coal Mine Expansion (“the Project”) in Ward 15 (Govan Mbeki) and Ward 25 (Emalahleni) Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province, as well as the required Environmental Authorisation application process. This document aims to:

- Provide a description of the proposed Project;
- Provide an overview of the required regulatory processes;
- Provide details in terms of the regulated Public Participation Process; and
- Invite all I&APs to register as stakeholders, provide comment, raise issues or concerns, and provide suggestions for the enhanced benefit of the Project.

## 2. Introduction to the Project & Project Location

ECC operates four mines namely Forzando North Mine, Forzando South Mine, Dorstfontein West Mine, and Dorstfontein East Mine. Dorstfontein East Coal Mine (DECM), the subject of this application, is the only opencast mine while the rest of the operations are all underground mines. DECM is also approved to undertake underground mining of deeper coal reserves.

DECM is in possession of the following environmental related authorisations opencast and underground mining related activities:

- Environmental Management Programme (EMP) in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002) (MPRDA) dated 2009;
- Notification of Intent to Develop (NID) in accordance with Section 38(1) of the Heritage Resource Management (HRM) process in accordance with the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act No. 25 of 1999) (NHRA);
- EA for listed activities in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) associated with the Pit 1 Extension and Water Transportation Pipeline Project dated 2017 (Reference no. MP 30/5/1/2/3/2/1 (51) (EM)) issued by the Mpumalanga Department of Mineral Resources;
- Environmental Authorisation (EA) for construction of a conveyor and railway loop (Reference no. 17/2/2/2 NK-7) issued on 9 November 2009 by the Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture and Land Management;
- EA for listed activities in terms of the NEMA associated with diesel storage tanks (EA Reference no. 17/2/3 N-19) issued in 19 May 2011 by the Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism; and
- IWUL for the water use related activities in terms of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) (NWA) dated September 2019 (Licence no. 06/B11B/ACIJ/9138).

As the Dorstfontein East Mine has an approved EMP and IWUL for the current operations, the proposed expansion will require an alignment process to be undertaken to consolidate the EMPs. An alignment process will ensure that ECC Mining incorporates all current and future proposed activities associated with the DECM operation. The EIA Phase of this project will align the EMPs (as listed above) issued to DECM to produce one operational EMP for the entire Dorstfontein East Mining Right Area.

The Project is located within the Mpumalanga Province across two district municipalities, Gert Sibande and Nkangala, two local municipalities, Govan Mbeki and Emalahleni, and two wards, Ward 15 (Govan Mbeki) and Ward 25 (Emalahleni). Table 2-1 below indicates the jurisdiction location:

**Table 2-1: Geographic Location of Proposed Project**

<b>Province</b>	<b>Mpumalanga</b>	
<b>District Municipality</b>	Gert Sibande	Nkangala
<b>Local Municipality</b>	Govan Mbeki	Emalahleni
<b>Ward</b>	15	25

The nearest town is Ga-Nala (formerly Kriel), approximately 8 km from the Project site, and the nearest settlement is Thubelihle, approximately 5 km from the Project site, as shown in Figure 2-1. Landowners and occupiers of farm portions adjacent to the primary study area are within the Govan Mbeki and Emalahleni local municipal areas



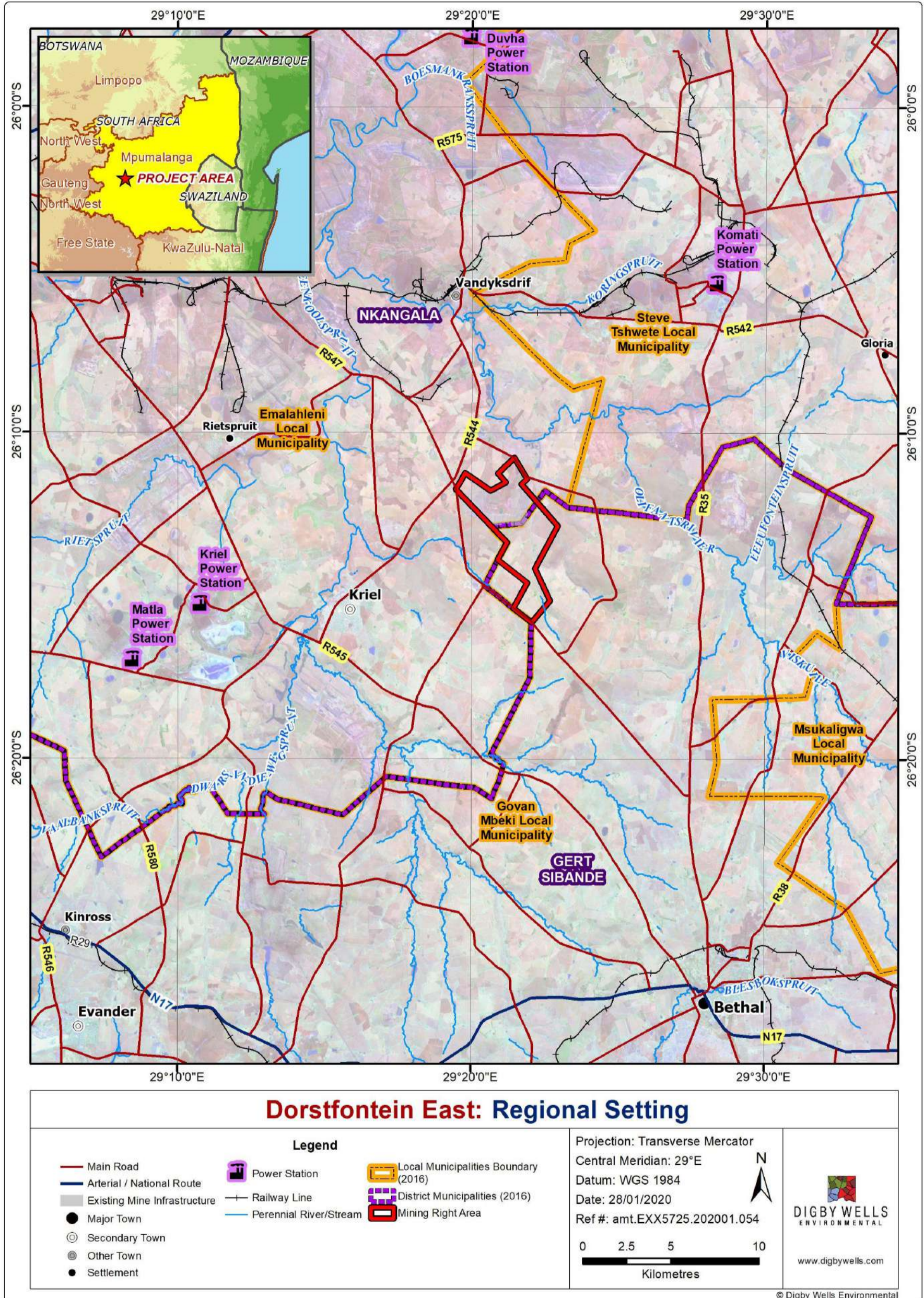


Figure 2-1: Regional Map for the Proposed DECM Project



### 3. Project Description

Additional coal reserves have been identified underground at DECM for mining which are not covered under the existing approval. ECC Mining therefore intends to further extend the Life-of-Mine of the DECM through the exploitation of these identified additional coal reserves. ECC will utilise underground mining methods to access the coal reserves and access will be through the existing Pit 2 Open Cast Operation. The project also includes additional new surface infrastructure, that will support the proposed underground mining operations. The underground mining operation was approved as part of the existing EMPr (Reference Number: MP 30/5/1/2/3/2/1 (51) MR).

The following additional infrastructure has been planned and requires approval:

- Sewage Treatment Plant;
- Water Treatment Plant;
- Potable Water storage tank);
- Erikson dam;
- A new 22 kV overhead powerline from the existing substation to a new 11kV substation;
- ROM Stockpile conveyor at portal;
- Portal Ventilation fan;
- Sewer and water management;
- Change house;
- Lamp room;
- Office;
- Workshop area; and
- Stone dust silo.

### 4. Environmental Authorisation Process

To attain the relevant licenses and permits from competent authorities; ECC Mining has appointed Digby Wells Environmental, an independent environmental consultancy, to facilitate the environmental-legal applications relevant to the proposed project. These will include:

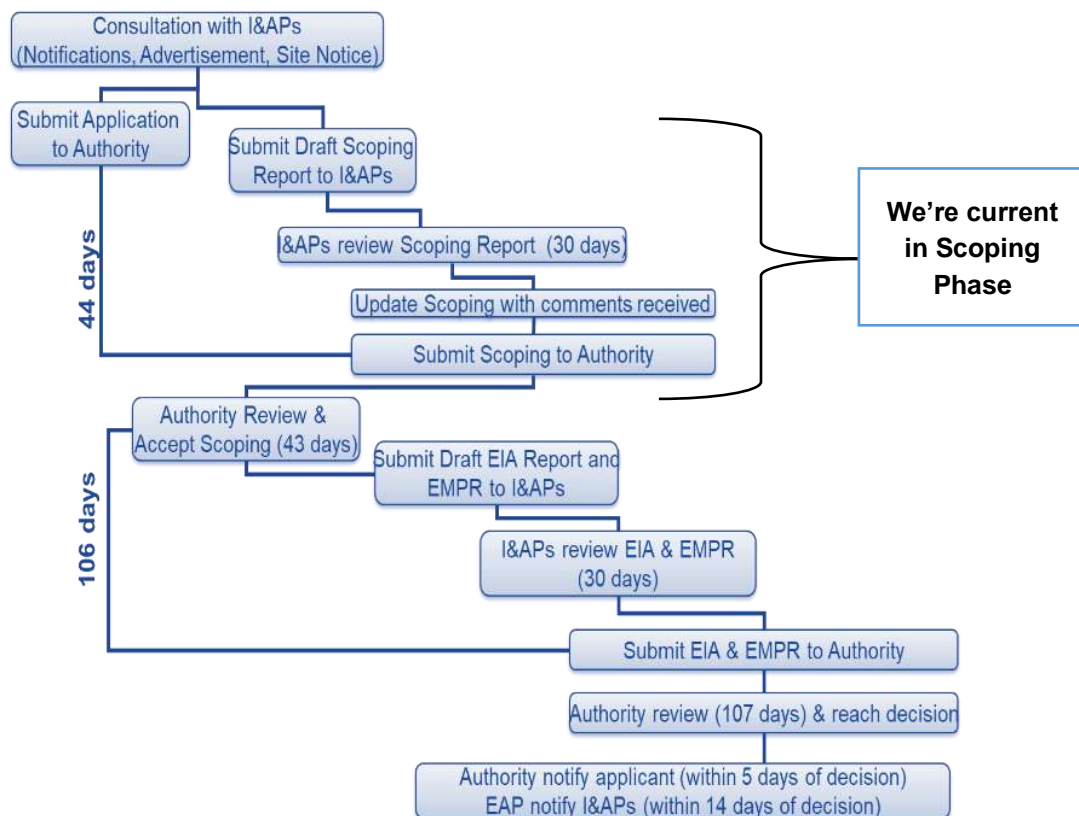
- Environmental Authorisation application in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA); and
- IWULA in terms of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) (NWA).



## 5. Public Participation Process

The PPP has been initiated with the purpose of sharing project information and gathering comments from stakeholders. Stakeholders are hereby invited to register as I&APs and to submit their comments regarding the proposed project. Registered I&APs will be informed about availability of reports via their preferred means of communication (SMS, email, post or fax). Contributions from I&APs will assist in informed decision-making for authorities and provides information to be considered by the Project team and specialists conducting studies. Stakeholders and I&APs can submit their comments and issues directly to the Digby Wells Stakeholder Engagement Team by completing the Comment and Registration Sheet; fax and e-mail or telephonically.

The environmental process is summarised in Figure 5-1 and it also indicates the critical stages for stakeholder engagement.



**Figure 5-1: The Full Scoping and EIA process flowchart**

As indicated in Figure 5-1, we are currently on the Scoping Phase of the Project and the Draft Scoping Report, which will be available for public comments from **Friday 13 November 2020** to **Monday 14 December 2020**, a 30-day legislated commenting period. A copy of the DSR may be accessed (by appointment) at the Dorstfontein East Mine, Dorstfontein West Mine and another at the Kriel Public Library. **Due to the COVID-19 national lockdown, the Draft Scoping Report will also be released electronically. To access the report (free of charge/ data-free); please click on the following link <http://view.datafree.co/PublicDocuments/> or**

copy the link onto your *URL* to download the Report for your review and comment. I&APs can obtain a copy of the Draft Scoping report from the platforms presented in Table 5-1.

**Table 5-1: Scoping Report Availability**

Name of Public Place	Location	Contact
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Kriel Public Library	Corner Quintin &, Heinrich St, Kriel, 2271	Jeaneth - 017 648 2241
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<b>Electronic Copies</b>		
Contact Persons	Public Location	Contact
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**ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATORY PROCESS REQUIRED FOR THE PROPOSED  
 DORTSFONTEIN EAST COAL MINE EXPANSION, NORTH-EAST OF KRIEL,  
 EMALAHLENI AND GOVAN MBEKI LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES, MPUMALANGA  
 PROVINCE**

**REGISTRATION AND COMMENT FORM**

**November 2020**

*Registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) will be informed of ongoing developments via their preferred means of communication (SMS, email, post or fax). A copy of the DSR may be accessed (by appointment) at the Dorstfontein East Mine and another at the Kriel Public Library. **Due to the COVID-19 national lockdown, the Draft Scoping Report will also be released electronically. To access the report (free of charge/ data-free); please click on the following link <http://view.datafree.co/PublicDocuments/> or copy the link onto your URL to download the Report for your review and comment from Friday 13 November 2020 to Monday 14 December 2020. Alternatively, it may be accessed on [www.digbywells.com](http://www.digbywells.com) (under Public Documents), as per the announcement letter.***

*Comments raised by stakeholders will assist in informed decision-making for authorities and provides information to be considered by the project team and specialists conducting the Environmental Impact Assessment process. Please register as an I&AP and provide comments by sending this form, or other written correspondence, to the contact details provided below:*

**Ms. Janet Mkhabela** of Digby Wells Environmental Stakeholder Engagement Office:

**Fax:** (011) 789 9498, **Telephone:** (011) 789 9495, **Postal Address:** Private Bag X10046, Randburg, 2125; **Email:** [sh@digbywells.com](mailto:sh@digbywells.com)

Please formally register me as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP)	Yes		No	
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**If you are a landowner or land occupier, please indicate which farm(s) and portion(s) you reside on**

Landowner	

Land occupier	

**Please fill in your contact details below for the project database**

Title, Full Name				
Designation				
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Email				
Postal Address				

Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations of 2014, promulgated in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, as amended, Section 44 (1) requires that we *gather comments* from I&APs. Please complete the questions below. Should you require assistance in completing these questions please contact the Stakeholder Engagement Office at contact information provided above.

How do you think the project might impact (affect) you?
How do you think the project might impact (affect) your socio-economic conditions? (e.g. livelihoods, farm, business, household)
How can these impacts be managed, avoided and / or fixed?
If you are a landowner or occupier, what is your land currently being used for?
Are there any environmental, social or heritage features on the proposed project area we need to be aware of?

Where are these found?
Do you think the project could impact (affect) infrastructure you might have? (e.g. houses, buildings, roads)
If so how can these impacts (affects) be managed, avoided or fixed?
General Comments

If there are any other stakeholders, we should include onto the stakeholder database for the proposed project, please provide their contact details.

Title, Full Name		Title, Full Name	
Organisation		Organisation	
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Email		Email	

**Signature**

**Date**



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## Appendix D: Registration and Comment Form.



**EXXARO DORSTFONTEIN EAST COAL MINE EXPANSION PROJECT,  
NEAR KRIEL, MPUMALANGA**

**REGISTRATION AND COMMENT FORM**

**October 2021**

*Registered Interested and Affected Persons (I&APs) will be informed of ongoing developments via their preferred means of communication (SMS, email, post or fax). A copy of the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report may be accessed (by appointment) at the Dorstfontein East Mine and another at the Kriel Public Library. **This Report will also be released electronically. To access the reports (free of charge/data-free); please click on the following link <http://view.datafree.co/PublicDocuments/> or copy the link onto your URL to download the Reports for your review and comment. A 30-day legislated public review and commenting period for the will commence on 01 October 2021 to 01 November 2021.***

*Comments raised by stakeholders will assist in informed decision-making for authorities and provides information to be considered by the project team and specialists conducting the EIA process. Please register as an I&AP and provide comments by sending this form, or other written correspondence, to the contact details provided below:*

**Ms. Thembi Zulu** of Digby Wells Environmental Stakeholder Engagement Office:

**Fax:** (011) 789 9498, **Telephone:** (011) 789 9495, **Postal Address:** Private Bag X10046, Randburg, 2125; **Email:** [sh@digbywells.com](mailto:sh@digbywells.com)

Please formally register me as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP)	Yes		No	
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**Please indicate which sector you represent and also provide a name**

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Business	

**If you are a landowner or land occupier, please indicate which farm(s) and portion(s) you reside on**

Landowner	



Land occupier	

**Please fill in your contact details below for the project database**

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How do you think the project might impact (affect) you?
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How can these impacts be managed, avoided and / or fixed?
If you are a landowner or occupier, what is your land currently being used for?
Are there any environmental, social or heritage features on the proposed project area we need to be aware of?



Where are these found?
Do you think the project could impact (affect) infrastructure you might have? (e.g. houses, buildings, roads)
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\_\_\_\_\_ *Signature*

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## Appendix E: Announcement Letter



13 November 2020

Project No: EXX5725

**NOTIFICATION ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATORY PROCESS REQUIRED FOR THE PROPOSED DORTSFONTEIN EAST COAL MINE EXPANSION, NORTH-EAST OF KRIEL, EMALAHLENI AND GOVAN MBEKI LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE**

Exxaro Coal Central (Pty) Ltd

Dear Stakeholders and Interested and Affected Parties,

**1 Introduction**

Exxaro Coal Central (Pty) Ltd (ECC) operates four mines namely Forzando North, Forzando South, Dorstfontein West Mine, and Dorstfontein East Mine. Dorstfontein East Coal Mine (DECM), the subject of this application, is the only opencast mine while the rest of the operations are all underground mines. DECM is also approved to undertake underground mining of deeper coal reserves. The current DECM underground mining operation is approved as part of the existing Environmental Management Programme (EMP) (Reference Number: MP 30/5/1/2/3/2/1 (51) MR). Subsequently, additional coal reserves have been identified for mining which are not covered under the existing EMP. ECC therefore intends to further extend the Life-of-Mine of the DECM through the exploitation of these identified additional coal reserves. ECC will utilise underground mining methods to access the coal reserves and access will be through the existing Pit 2 Open Cast Operation. The project also includes additional new surface infrastructure, that will support the proposed underground mining operations.

The proposed Project is located within the Mpumalanga Province across two district municipalities, Gert Sibande and Nkangala, two local municipalities, Govan Mbeki and Emalahleni, and two wards, Ward 15 (Govan Mbeki) and Ward 25 (Emalahleni). The jurisdiction location is listed in Table 1-1 below.

**Table 1-1: Geographic Location of Proposed Project**

Province	Mpumalanga	
District Municipality	Gert Sibande	Nkangala
Local Municipality	Govan Mbeki	Emalahleni
Ward	15	25

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## 2 Environmental Authorisation Process

ECC appointed Digby Wells Environmental (hereinafter Digby Wells) to independently facilitate the environmental-legal applications relevant to the proposed Project. Digby Wells will undertake an Integrated Environmental Authorisation Application comprising a Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process and Integrated Water Use Licence Application (IWULA) to comply with the:

- National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA); and
- National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) (NWA).

## 3 Background Information

ECC has an approved EMP and IWUL for the current DECM operation, the proposed expansion will require amendment and consolidation process to be undertaken. An amendment and consolidated process will ensure that ECC incorporates all current and future proposed activities associated for the DECM operation.

## 4 Public Participation Process

The National South African Regulatory Framework requires a Public Participation Process be undertaken as part of an Environmental Authorisation application. A Public Participation Process involves notifying stakeholders of the proposed Project and providing Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) with sufficient information to enable effective engagement.

The Public Participation Process must satisfy the requirements of Regulations 40 through 44 of the NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (GN R 982 of 4 December 2014 as amended by GN R326 of 7 April 2017) (EIA Regulations, 2014), as amended promulgated under the NEMA.

This letter serves to inform you as a potential I&AP of the proposed Project, the associated Environmental Authorisation process and the availability of the Draft Scoping Report for public review. All I&APS are invited to register as a stakeholder.

The Draft Scoping Report will be available for public comments from **Friday 13 November 2020 to Monday 14 December 2020** for a 30-day legislated commenting period. A copy of the DSR may be accessed (by appointment) at the Dorstfontein East Mine, Dorstfontein West Mine and another at the Kriel Public Library. ***Due to the COVID-19 national lockdown, the DSR will also be released electronically. To access the report (free of charge/ data-free); please click on the following link <http://view.datafree.co/PublicDocuments/> or copy the link onto your URL to download the Report for your review and comment. I&APs can obtain a copy of the DSR from the platforms presented in Table 4-1.***

**Table 4-1: DSR Availability**

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## 5 Public Meeting Notification

Digby Wells and ECC will host Focus Group meetings at the DECM to discuss the contents of the Draft Scoping Report and obtain I&APs comments. On-site meetings will be limited to 13 attendees to facilitate social distancing in the meeting venue and comply with the COVID-19 Regulations. Meetings will be divided into several sessions if the number of attendees is expected to exceed the venue limit. The details pertaining to the meeting will be provided in due course to all I&APs.

Please complete and return the attached registration and comment form to Digby Wells if you wish to register as a stakeholder, as well as indicate your interest in receiving further information regarding the Environmental Authorisation process. Your comments and feedback are highly valued.

You may direct any queries please via the following contact details:

**Telephone:** 011 789 9495  
**Fax:** 011 069 6801  
**Postal Address:** Private Bag X10046, Randburg, 2125  
**Email Address:** [sh@digbywells.com](mailto:sh@digbywells.com).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Janet Mkhabela'. The signature is stylized with loops and is positioned in the upper left corner of the page.

Janet Mkhabela

Stakeholder Engagement Consultant

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## Appendix F: Newspaper Advertisement

**ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATORY PROCESS REQUIRED FOR THE PROPOSED DORTSFONTEIN EAST COAL MINE EXPANSION, NORTH-EAST OF KRIEL, EMALAHLENI AND GOVAN MBEKI LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES, GERT SIBANDE AND NKANGALA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE**

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Digby Wells hereby informs Interested and Affected parties (I&APs) that the Draft Scoping Report will be available for public comment for a 30-day legislated period. ***Due to the COVID-19 national lock down, the Draft Scoping Report will be released electronically. To access the report (free of charge/ data-free); please click on the following link <http://view.datafree.co/PublicDocuments/> or copy the link onto your URL to download the Report for your review and comment from Friday 13 November 2020 to Monday 14 December 2020.***

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Should you wish to register as a stakeholder, obtain additional information or comment on the proposed Project, please use the contact details below:

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**ANNEXURE 2 FORM 2**

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS IN APPLYING FOR A LIQUOR LICENCE IN TERMS OF SECTION 35(2) (a) OF THE MPUMALANGA LIQUOR LICENCING ACT, 2006  
**A. PERSONAL DETAILS I ALEXANDER JOHN WEGERLE**  
ID Number: 5908205035081  
an adult male hereby written public comments concerning my application for a liquor licence to the Mpumalanga Liquor Authority to trade under the name WITBANK YACHT AND AQUATIC CLUB.  
I make this application on behalf of the juristic person:  
**WITBANK YACHT AND AQUATIC CLUB** of which I have been duly appointed as the business manager as contemplated in section 45 of the Act.  
**B. LICENCE TYPE (a)**  
The retail sale of liquor for consumption on the premises where the liquor is sold;  
**C. BUSINESS PREMISES**  
Physical address: CIRCLE 10, BANKENVELD ESTATE eMalahleni, being an address in the Republic of South Africa and situated within the boundaries of Mpumalanga Province.  
Postal address: P.O. BOX 147  
WITBANK 1035  
Telephone Number: 013 656 3594  
Cellphone Number: 082 565 7190  
**D. ADDRESSES TO WHICH COMMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED:**  
Comments should be made in writing and be addressed to the municipality concerned and a copy to the applicant, to reach the said addresses within thirty (30) days of this publication.  
Municipality's address: P.O. BOX 3  
WITBANK 1035  
Applicant's address: P.O. BOX 413  
RIVER CRESCENT 1042  
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H/v Northeystraat + Haiglaan Witbank. Kontak besonderhede van agent: 081 533 8279 071 986 7588 Mvdevelopment1@gmail.com  
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**KENNISGEWING**  
Kennisgewing van aansoek om die wysiging van die eMalahleni Grondgebruikskema, 2020, ingevolge Artikel 66 (Hoofstuk 4 en 5) van die Verordening op Ruimtelike Beplanning en Grondgebruikbestuur van eMalahleni, 2016, gelees met die bepalings van Ruimtelike Beplanning en Grond Wet op die bestuur van gebruik, 2013 (Wet nr. 16 van 2013). eMalahleni Wysigingskema No: 2415. City Dynamics Planners (Edms) Bpk, synde die gemagtigde agent van die eenaar van Erf 5333, 1082 en 1085 eMalahleni Uitbreiding 8, gee hiermee ingevolge bogenoemde kennis dat ek by die eMalahleni Plaaslike Owerheid aansoek gedoen het vir die wysiging van die eMalahleni Grondgebruikskema, 2020, deur die hersonering en

konsolidering van Erf 5333 van Spesiaal na Besigheid 3 en Erf 1082 en 1085 eMalahleni Uitbreiding 8 van Residensieel 1 na Besigheid 3 in terme van Artikel 66 (Hoofstuk 4 en 5) van die eMalahleni Ruimtelike Beplanning en Grondgebruik Bestuursverordening, 2016, gelees met die bepalings van die Wet op Ruimtelike Beplanning en Grondgebruikbestuur, 2013 (Wet nr. 16 van 2013). Planne en/of besonderhede van hierdie aansoek kan gedurende gewone kantoorure by die volgende adres besigtig word: Direktoraat Ontwikkelings beplanning, 3<sup>de</sup> Verdieping, Burgersentrum, Mandelarylaan, eMalahleni, 1035. Kontakbesonderhede van die betrokke munisipale afdeling: 013 690 6354/

**NOTICE OF BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS & PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS**

**DEVELOPMENT OF A WASTE RECOVERY PLANT AT HIGHVELD STEEL NEAR WITBANK, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE**

**Applicant:** Anglo African Metals (Pty) Ltd

**Proposed Activity:** The development of a waste recovery plant and associated infrastructure for the extraction of valuable minerals from mining ore and waste materials from a tailings/slag resource.

**Location:** Portion 48 of Farm No. 309, approximately 17 km west of eMalahleni town in the eMalahleni Local Municipality (LM) within the Nkangala District Municipality (DM) in Mpumalanga

**Impact Assessment Process:** An Integrated Application for Environmental Authorisation (EA) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and a Waste Management License (WML) in terms of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act (No. 59 of 2009) is being undertaken for the project. A full Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) process is required in support of this application process. The S&EIA process will also support the future application for an Atmospheric Emission License (AEL) in terms of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act (No. 39 of 2004) (NEM:QA). Savannah Environmental is undertaking the required EIA and public participation process for the project.

**Scoping Report Available for Review:** A Scoping Report is available for review and comment. The report is available for download, view and comment on Savannah Environmental's website at: <https://www.savannahsa.com/public-documents/other/>. The 30-day review and comment period of the report is from **Friday, 13 November 2020 until Monday, 14 December 2020**. The due date for written comment is **Monday, 14 December 2020**.

**Public Participation Process:** Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd has been appointed as the independent environmental consultant responsible for undertaking the EIA and Public Participation process in support of this application for EA. To obtain further information on the project and to register on the project database, please submit your name, contact information and interest in the project as per the details below.

**Consultation Meetings:** Consultation meetings will be held with relevant I&APs and stakeholders via an appropriate forum during the review period. Should you wish to be included in these meetings or receive further information on the project please contact us as per the details below

**Nicolene Venter of Savannah Environmental**  
Post: PO Box 148, Sunninghill, 2157 Johannesburg  
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**ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATORY PROCESS REQUIRED FOR THE PROPOSED DORTSFONTEIN EAST COAL MINE EXPANSION, NORTH-EAST OF KRIEL, EMALAHLENI AND GOVAN MBEKI LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES, GERT SIBANDE AND NKANGALA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE**

Exxaro Coal Central (Pty) Ltd (ECC) operates four mines namely Forzando North Mine, Forzando South Mine, Dorstfontein West Mine, and Dorstfontein East Mine. Dorstfontein East Coal Mine (DECM), the subject of this application, is the only opencast mine while the rest of the operations are all underground mines. DECM is also approved to undertake underground mining of deeper coal reserves.

The current DECM underground mining operation is approved as part of the existing Environmental Management Programme (EMP) (Reference Number: MP 30/5/1/2/3/2/1 (51) MR). Subsequently, additional coal reserves have been identified for mining which are not covered under the existing EMP. ECC therefore intends to further extend the Life-of-Mine of the DECM through the exploitation of these identified additional coal reserves. ECC will utilise underground mining methods to access the coal reserves and access will be through the existing Pit 2 Open Cast Operation. The project also includes additional new surface infrastructure, that will support the proposed underground mining operations.

ECC appointed Digby Wells Environmental (Digby Wells) to independently facilitate the environmental-legal applications relevant to the proposed Project. Digby Wells will undertake an Environmental Authorisation Application comprising a Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process and Water Use Licence Application (WULA) to comply with the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA); and the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) (NWA).

Digby Wells hereby informs Interested and Affected parties (I&APs) that the Draft Scoping Report will be available for public comment for a 30-day legislated period. **Due to the COVID-19 national lock down, the Draft Scoping Report will be released electronically. To access the report (free of charge / data-free); please click on the following link <http://view.datafree.co/PublicDocuments/> or copy the link onto your URL to download the Report for your review and comment from Friday 13 November 2020 to Monday 14 December 2020.**

Electronic Copies		
Contact Persons	Public Location	Contact
Thembi Zulu/Janet Mkhabela	<a href="http://view.datafree.co/PublicDocuments/">http://view.datafree.co/PublicDocuments/</a> and <a href="http://www.digbywells.com">www.digbywells.com</a> (under Public Documents)	sh@digbywells.com

Should you wish to register as a stakeholder, obtain additional information or comment on the proposed Project, please use the contact details below:

**Digby Wells Environmental**  
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Postal Address: Private Bag X 10046, Randburg, 2125.  
Project No.: EXX5725

**NOTICE OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS**

Notice is given in terms of Regulation 41(c) (i) of the regulations published in Government Notice No. R.982 under chapter 6 of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No.107 of 1998) of intent to carry out the following activities as a Basic Assessment Report Process required in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulation, 2014.

- Description of proposed activities: Proposed additional of petroleum storage tanks refueling of fuel trucks and Blending plant at Cnr Moses Kotane & Einstein Street, Ferrobank, Witbank Mpumalanga Province.
- Location: The project will be build at the existing Depot Cnr Moses Kotane & Einstein Street.
- Name of Applicant: JD Trading Project (Pty) Ltd.
- Name of contacts/consultants: Tshikabo Projects (Pty) Ltd, Contact Tshikabo, Email: [tshikaboprojects@gmail.com](mailto:tshikaboprojects@gmail.com)

Further information will be made available through the above contact details or at in the event of sufficient and significant interest further public interactions will take place.

- Date of original publication of advertisement in newspaper is 13 November 2020.
- Date of original publication of advertisement in name of Newspaper Date Witbank news

**Should you wish to be identified as an interested and/or affected party please submit your name, contact information and interest in the matter to the contact persons given above by the end of 11 December 2020.**

**GLENCORE**

**GLENCORE OPERATIONS SOUTH AFRICA (PTY) LTD, GOEDGEVONDEN COLLIERY JOINT VENTURE: ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION AND WATER USE LICENCE APPLICATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSED SOUTH WITBANK PIPELINE NEAR OGIES IN THE MPUMALANGA PROVINCE**

**INVITATION TO REGISTER AS INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY, AND TO COMMENT ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT AND EMPR**

Notice is hereby given that Glencore Operations South Africa (Pty) Ltd (GOSA), particularly its Goedgevonden Colliery (GGV) Joint Venture (JV), is applying for an environmental authorisation (EA) and a water use licence (WUL) for pumping mine affected water from GGV to the South Witbank Colliery (SWC) (Tweefontein South) underground workings via a pipeline for storage and treatment.

GGV is an existing coal mining operation situated in the west of the Nkangala District, approximately 50 km south-west of eMalahleni (Witbank). The town of Ogies is situated directly north of GGV.

The total remaining storage capacity for excess mine affected water at GGV has severely decreased. The recent water balance at GGV has predicted the overall storage capacity moving towards negative if GGV does not implement an alternative solution. The proposed solution is to pump excess water stored in the existing return water dam at the tailings storage facility through a new pipeline to the SWC (Tweefontein South) underground workings for storage and treatment.

The pipeline will be buried, approximately 12 km long and follow existing roads. The proposed pipeline will require an EA in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (GN R. 326) published under the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) (as amended) (NEMA). The application will need to be supported by a Basic Assessment (BA) process in terms of GN R.326. The competent authority for the BA process is the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE).

Since the proposed pipeline will cross a watercourse(s), an application for a WUL in terms of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998) (NWA) will also be required. The WUL application will be submitted to the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS).

GGV JV has appointed Golder Associates Africa (Pty) Ltd (Golder), an independent environmental assessment practitioner (EAP), to conduct the EA and WUL application processes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT INVITED**

We would like to draw I&APs' attention to the following comment periods:

- Draft Basic Assessment Report: **13 November to 14 December 2020** (30-day comment period).
- Water Use Licence Application: **13 November 2020 to 04 February 2021** (60-day comment period).

Printed copies of the draft BA Report are available at the public places listed below. The background information letter and draft report can be downloaded from the following website: <https://www.golder.com/global-locations/africa/south-africa-public-documents/>.

Name of Public Place	Contact Person	Contact Number
GGV project office, Goedgevonden Complex, Farm Goedgevonden 101S, Emalahleni	Mr Nhlanhla Mkhonto	(013) 686 4380
Phola Township Clinic, Phola Community Health Centre, Ntuli Street, Ogies	Sister Joyce Masango	(013) 645 0112
eMalahleni Main Library, Cnr. Hofmeyer and Elizabeth Avenue, eMalahleni	Ms Johanne Rozmiarek	(013) 690 6232
Golder Associates Africa, Maxwell Office Park, Magwa Crescent West, Waterfall City, Midrand	Brian Magongoa	011 254 4800

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:**  
**Brian Magongoa/ Mabel Qinisile, Public Participation Office**  
**Golder Associates Africa (Pty) Ltd**  
PO Box 6001, Halfway House, 1685  
Tel: (011) 254 4800; Fax: (086) 582 1561  
E-mail: [ppoffice@golder.co.za](mailto:ppoffice@golder.co.za)

**Date of the advert: 13 November 2020**

# EXXARO COAL MINE

## KATLEGO COAL DORSTFONTEIN EAST COAL MINE EXPANSION PROJECT, NEAR KRIEL, MPUMALANGA

**Introduction:** Katlego Coal (Pty) Ltd operates three mines, namely Forzando South Mine, Dorstfontein West Mine, and Dorstfontein East Mine. The Dorstfontein East Coal Mine (DECM), the subject of this application, is the only opencast mine while the rest of the operations are all underground mines. DECM is also approved to undertake underground mining of deeper coal reserves.

DECM is in possession of the following environmental related authorisations opencast and underground mining related activities:

- Environmental Management Programme (EMP) in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002) (MPRDA) dated 2009;
- Notification of Intent to Develop (NID) in accordance with Section 38(1) of the Heritage Resource Management (HRM) process in accordance with the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act No. 25 of 1999) (NHRA);
- EA for listed activities in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) associated with the Pit 1 Extension and Water Transportation Pipeline Project dated 2017 (Reference no. MP 30/5/1/2/3/2/1 (51) (EM)) issued by the Mpumalanga Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE);
- Environmental Authorisation (EA) for construction of a conveyor and railway loop (Reference no. 17/2/2/2 NK-7) issued on 9 November 2009 by the Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture and Land Management;
- EA for listed activities in terms of the NEMA associated with diesel storage tanks (EA Reference no. 17/2/3 N-19) issued on 19 May 2011 by the Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism; and
- IWUL for the water use related activities in terms of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) (NWA) dated September 2019 (Licence no. 06/B11B/ACIJ/9138).

The DECM has various approved EMPs and an IWUL for the current operations. As such, the proposed expansion will require an alignment process to be undertaken to consolidate the EMPs. An alignment process will ensure that Katlego Coal Mining incorporates all current and future proposed activities associated with the DECM operation. The EIA Phase of this project will align the EMPs issued to DECM to produce one operational EMP for the entire Dorstfontein East Mining Right Area.

Digby Wells Environmental (Digby Wells) was appointed by Katlego Coal (Pty) Ltd as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner to independently facilitate the environmental-legal application relevant to the Proposed Project.

**Project Location:** The Proposed Project is located within the Mpumalanga Province across two district municipalities, Gert Sibande and Nkangala, two local municipalities under Govan Mbeki and Emalahleni. The affected local wards are Ward 15 (Govan Mbeki) and Ward 25 (Emalahleni).

### Public Participation Process

Digby Wells hereby informs Interested and Affected Persons (I&APs) that the Draft EIA Report for the proposed project is available for a 30-day legislated period from **01 October 2021 to 01 November 2021** and the Draft Integrated Water and Waste Management Plan (IWWMP) is available for a 60 – day legislated period from **01 October 2021 – 30 November 2021**.

The Report is available on Digby Wells website ([www.digbywells.com](http://www.digbywells.com)) under Public Documents. The Report can be downloaded free of data charges on Digby Wells' data-free link <http://view.datafree.co/PublicDocuments/>. Hard copies of the Report will also be placed at Kriel Public Library and at the Dorstfontein East Coal mine offices.

Stakeholders are invited to register as I&APs and to submit their comments regarding the proposed project. Registered I&APs will be informed about availability of reports via their preferred means of communication (SMS or email). You are welcome to contact the Stakeholder Engagement Office through the following means:

#### Digby Wells Environmental contact details:

**Contact Person:** Thembi Zulu / Lerato Ratsoenyane

**Email:** [sh@digbywells.com](mailto:sh@digbywells.com)

**Tel:** (011) 789 9495

**Fax:** (011) 789 9498

**Post:** Private Bag X10046, Randburg, 2125.





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## Appendix G: Site Notices.



**EXXARO COAL CENTRAL (PTY) LTD**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATORY PROCESS REQUIRED FOR THE PROPOSED DORSTFONTEIN EAST COAL MINE EXPANSION, NORTH-EAST OF KRIEL, EMALAHLENI AND GOVAN MBEKI LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES, GERT SIBANDE AND NKANGALA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE**

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Electronic Copies		
Contact Persons	Public Location	Contact
Thembi Zulu/Janet Mkhabela	<a href="http://view.datafree.co/PublicDocuments/">http://view.datafree.co/PublicDocuments/</a> and <a href="http://www.digbywells.com">www.digbywells.com</a> (under Public Documents)	<a href="mailto:sh@digbywells.com">sh@digbywells.com</a>

Should you wish to register as a stakeholder, obtain additional information or comment on the proposed Project, please use the contact details below:

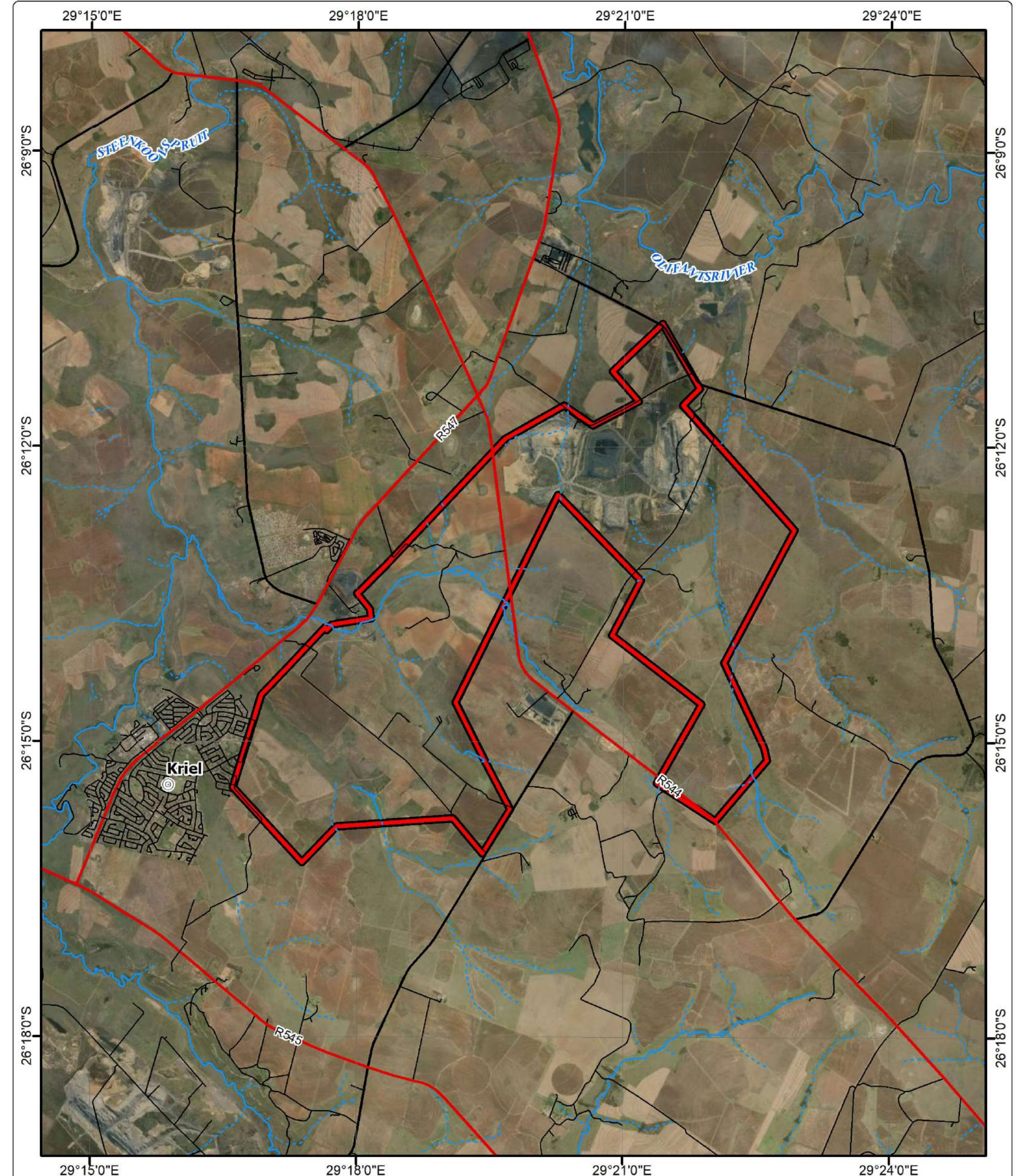
**Digby Wells Environmental**

Thembi Zulu/ Janet Mkhabela



Tel: 011 789 9495, Fax: 011 069 6801

[Thembinkosi.zulu@digbywells.com](mailto:Thembinkosi.zulu@digbywells.com) or [sh@digbywells.com](mailto:sh@digbywells.com)

Postal Address: Private Bag X 10046, Randburg, 2125



**Dorstfontein East: Local Setting**

<p align="center"><b>Legend</b></p>		
<p>— Mining Right</p> <p>⊙ Secondary Town</p>	<p>— Main Road</p> <p>— Secondary Road</p> <p>— Street</p> <p>— Railway Line</p>	<p>--- Non-Perennial River/Stream</p> <p>— Perennial River/Stream</p>
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**EXXARO COAL CENTRAL (PTY) LTD**

**Environmental regulatory process required for the proposed Dortsfontein East Coal Mine Expansion, North-East of Kriel, Emalahleni and Govan Mbeki Local Municipalities, Gert Sibande and Nkangala District Municipalities, Mpumalanga Province**

**SITE NOTICES**

**SITE NOTICES PLACED AT PUBLIC PLACES ON 13 NOVEMBER 2020**

Public Place	Coordinates	Photo
Location 1: Exxaro - Dorstfontein East Mine Gate	26°11'14.16" S 29°21'38.97" E	
Location 2: Thubelihle Community Hall / Community Health Centre	26°13'3.13" S 29°17'22.28" E	

<p>Location 3: Kriel Public Library</p>	<p>26°14'50.78" S 29°15'47.78" E</p>	
<p>Location 4: Kriel Municipal Clinic</p>	<p>26°14'51.51" S 29°15'47.18" E</p>	



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## Appendix H: Consent Form



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## Consent Form

Dear Stakeholder,

The Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (Act No. 4 of 2013) (POPI Act) aims to protect an individual's right to privacy regarding their personal information which may have been collected by a third party during a normal commercial transaction. It also seeks to bring South African law regarding ensuring and managing personal data in line with international data protection laws.

The purpose of POPI Act is to regulate and formalize how South African companies collect, store, protect, access, and distribute consumer information and to protect the ongoing integrity and sensitivity of that private information. POPI Act took effect on **01 July 2021**, as such Digby Wells Environmental (Digby Wells) is required to comply with the POPI Act and hereby request all Interested & Affected Persons (I&APs) who were previously registered for the Exxaro Dorstfontein East Coal Mine Expansion Project to provide consent to Digby Wells Environmental to continue using their contact information for the proposed Project purposes.

I&APs who do not wish Digby Wells to continue using their contact information may write to us on the contact details provided below:

Please use the Project reference number when providing your comment: **EXX5725**

<b>Contact Person:</b>	Thembi Zulu/Lerato Ratsoenyane
<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:sh@digbywells.com">sh@digbywells.com</a>
<b>Tel:</b>	(011) 789 9495
<b>Fax:</b>	(011) 789 9498
<b>Post:</b>	Private Bag X10046, Randburg, 2125

Regards,

Stakeholder Engagement Team.

Digby Wells Environmental (Pty) Ltd





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## Appendix I: Proof of Emails and Delivery Slip.



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## Appendix J: Notification Letter



25 January 2021

Project No: EXX5725

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DORSTFONTEIN EAST COAL MINE EXPANSION, NORTH EAST OF KRIEL,  
EMALAHLENI AND GOVAN MBEKI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE**

**RE: Availability of Final Scoping Report**

Dear Stakeholders

Digby Wells would like to thank all stakeholders who have contributed towards the Environmental Assessments undertaken for the Authorizations required for the proposed Ubuntu Colliery Project (the Project).

This notice serves to inform you of the availability of the Final Scoping Report (FSR) for public comment as well as the submission of this document to the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) for review and decision making.

***Please note:** Due to the COVID-19 national lock down, the FSR has been released electronically via a data free resource.*

The FSR with the Comment and Response Report (CRR) for the proposed project is available on the Digby Wells website <http://view.datafree.co/PublicDocuments/> under Public Documents.

All comments must be forwarded directly to the government official responsible. Kindly **copy** Digby Wells into the submission to the DMRE. For comments, please see the contact details below. Please use the Project reference number when providing your comment: **EXX5725**

**DMR Reference Number: MP30/5/1/2/51MR**

Attention: <b>Department of Mineral Resources: Mineral Regulation</b> <b>Physical Address:</b> 1st floor Saveways Crescent Centre, Mandela Drive, Emalahleni,1035 <b>Postal Address:</b> Private Bag X7279, Emalahleni,1035 <b>Tel:</b> 013 653 0500 <b>Fax:</b> 013 656 1474 <b>Email:</b>	<b>Digby Wells Environmental</b> <b>Tel:</b> (011) 789-9495 <b>Fax: (011) 069 6801</b> <b>Email:</b> sh@digbywells.com <b>Postal address:</b> Private Bag X10046, Randburg, 2125
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Regards,



***Stakeholder Engagement Office***  
***Digby Wells Environmental***



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## Appendix K: Comments Received and CRR

Project Phase	Date of Receipt	Main Issue Category	Issue Description	Response
Scoping Phase	09-Dec-20	Impact of mining activities	How will the fountains in the areabe affected by the mining activities?	From the Dorstfontein East Hydrogeological Investigation report compiled by GCS in 2019, it should be noted that two springs were identified onMr Muller’s farm on Farm Fentonia 54 IS and another spring located on Farm Rietkuil 57 IS. These features have been taken into consideration. The impacts to the surface and groundwater features will be assessed further in the Impact Assessment Phase.
			Mining activities willlead to an influx of people which will result in stock theft and veld fires	The extension of the mine will not result in any additional recruitment of new workforce. Exxaro intends to secure employment for the current employee workforce. The mine will ensure that veld fires are contained and that they do not result in any damage or losses. In addition, the mine inspects the fire breaks every month and removes grass within the firebreak zone.

Project Phase	Date of Receipt	Main Issue Category	Issue Description	Response
Scoping Phase	09-Dec-20	Access to Information	Requested Background Information Documentation (BID). Indicated that comments will be made and submitted in due time.	Documents handed over to the Councillor.
		Communication	The mine needs to communicate with the community with regards to mining activities in our community and avoid rushing to court to have issues resolved.	The mine will communicate effectively with the affected community to avoid or limit conflicts with the affected community.
		Employment and Business Opportunities	The biggest challenge is the existing community Forums as they will want employment opportunities and will also want to do business with the mine.	DCME will have opportunities during the Construction Phase for infrastructure development projects. However, the proposed mine expansion will only create longer term employment for the mine's current workforce.

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		Heritage resources	Respect the graves.	Mitigation measures will be put in place to limit impacts on graves. Access will be granted for families who wish to visit the graves. The specialist studies to be undertaken as part of the EIA process will provide further mitigation and management measures. Thus, a conclusive response will be provided once the studies have been concluded.
		Socio- economic	The biggest issue is the extent of the mine that might affect the community.	<p><i>A plan was shown in the presentation of the directly and indirectly affected farm portions.</i></p> <p>All mining which forms part of this application will be underground mining. The impacts associated with mining the underground area will be assessed by the team of specialists and the impacts will be presented in detail during the Impact Assessment Phase.</p>
		Groundwater	Protect the boreholes.	A network of monitoring boreholes will be provided by Digby Wells' Hydrogeology team and these boreholes will form part of Exxaro's monitoring programme. Exxaro must monitor these boreholes to see whether the water level is dropping or if the water is being contaminated. If any impact occurs and is caused by mining, Exxaro will be liable to either



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				rectify the issue (in the case of water quality impacts) or compensate the borehole user in instances where water loss is experienced.
Scoping Phase	11-Dec-20	Access to Information	<p>The community is not using the library, so where will the scoping report be placed? Is it possible that a different location can be used for the document?</p> <p>The Community Forum comes to the office requesting information which I am not in possession of and I do not want to be part of the Forums.</p>	<p>Thank you for noting this. In future, copies of the public comment documents will be placed at the Councillor's offices.</p> <p>Communication between Exxaro and the community is through the Forum. Exxaro communicates with them since the Council does not attend Forum meetings, of which information ends only with the Forum. It is suggested that the Council establishes communication with the ward constituents so that information can be shared easily.</p>
		Business Opportunities Skills Development and Training	<p>Are there any business opportunities that will be offered to the community? The people that you are training are you going to hire them?</p>	<p>The current application will allow limited opportunities for employment during the construction phase. However, Exxaro does already offer training programmes as part of the approved Social and Labour Plan.</p>

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		Location of Project	The project is in the area of Dorstfontein. How many hectares will be utilised, and is it private land?	The application area is 3288,53 ha (surface area). Exxaro owns most of the farms however Farm Fentonia 54 IS Portions 1,2 and 3 are privately owned.
		Impact of mining activities	Are you going to blast?	Yes. But all activities will be underground. The severity of blasting underground is less than blasting for open cast mining.
		Applications	On the presentation, you mention that you applied for a water license. Is it approved?	Yes. Exxaro will apply for a Water Use Licence through Digby Wells Environmental. Currently, the process is in the Scoping Phase. The Water Use Licence process will align with the EIA Phase. These processes rely on the Specialist Reports being completed to inform the EIA Report and the IWWMP Report. Digby Wells intends to release these reports out to the public simultaneously for review. Also note that the Scoping Report must be approved by the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy before the process can proceed to the EIA Phase.
		Land and Soil Management	The Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development has no	Noted

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			comments at this stage. Comments will be provided upon receiving the EIA Report.	